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Did you help give us this wonderful holiday? Two of our boys at our Felixstowe Convalescent Home.

Editorial

THE picture that heads this page is a souvenir of the glorious summer recently passed; that on the front cover is a reminder of winter days ahead, and of the approach of the most expensive and difficult time of the year for all families where there are children, and particularly for the Largest Family in the World.

Looking back over the spring and summer months, one of our happiest recollections is of the splendid and generous rally of supporters present at our Annual May Meeting at Westminster Hall. Speakers on that occasion emphasised the ideals upon which our work is founded, and the outstanding problems with which our organisation is confronted to-day.

The Rt. Hon. Viscountess Davidson,

O.B.E., M.P., said Dr. Barnardo's Homes faced two pressing needs.

"The first," she said, "is the vital need of more homes where these children can be boarded out, and where they can live as far as possible in the loving surroundings of a home; the second is the need for enthusing young men and young women to take on this vital work, and come and be trained so that they may assist the overworked staff and make it possible for them to carry on their ever-increasing and responsible work. I can think of no better work that can be done by anyone."

Mr. A. G. B. Owen, who spoke as a member of the Council of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, told how his interest in our children was first aroused when, in his own boyhood, he was allowed to take part in a carol party designed to fill a Barnardo collecting-box—a

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recollection which, at this season of the year, may encourage friends of our work who are planning similar enterprises for this coming Christmas.

Mr. Owen said that the first impression he gathered on attending a Barnardo Council meeting was that whatever decision was taken on behalf of the children had behind it a prayer.

The Rev. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, M.D., Minister of Westminster Chapel, told how the work of Dr. Barnardo's Homes was founded on the recognition that the most important thing in man is his soul, and that religious teaching was given to our children, not simply to make them good citizens and for the benefit of the State, but as their inherent right, and as a conscious effort to extend the Kingdom of God.

In this connection mention may be made of the recent appointment by our Council of a Religious Adviser on headquarters staff—a trained worker in this sphere, competent to help superintendents and staff at our Homes to foster a sincere and personal religion in our children, and implant this so well that

they will hold on to that faith after they have left our care, and continue active association with a church or chapel.

We deeply regret that our May Meeting was the last occasion on which we had present at one of our public gatherings the late Viscount Bennett, who was then our chairman. An obituary notice concerning Lord Bennett, who was a vice-president and staunch supporter of our work, appears on page 62.

The substantial rise in the cost of living which has taken place during the last few years has compelled our Committee of Management to revise the amounts estimated as necessary for the endowment of beds in our homes or for maintaining protégés. It has been found that to-day the amounts necessary are as follows :

To endow a bed or cot in perpetuity	£1,000
To name a bed or cot for 20 years	£500
To maintain a special protégé for a year	£70
To maintain a special protégé for six months	£35

These figures refer to all our branches, of whatever kind; but if a donor wishes to take a particular interest in a special child, but is unable to contribute the full

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sum needed for maintenance, we shall still gratefully accept what he or she is able to offer and allot to that donor the desired protégé.

We are glad to report that our Council has been strengthened by the addition of four new members : Dr. William Alexander Hislop, a Fellow of the Society of Medicine and Medical Officer of the Baby Clinic, Kensington; Mr. Charles Mitchell, of Messrs. Mitchell, Davis and Co., Ltd., Publicity Consultants, and a director of Overseas and General Press, Ltd.; Mr. Leonard James Blyth, Managing Director of Messrs. Allen and Boggis, Ltd., and a member of the West Suffolk County Council ; and Sir Peter Hoare, of Messrs. C. Hoare & Co., who, with Lady Hoare, offered accommodation at Luscombe Castle to a party of our Exeter girls when their home was bombed. Their varied experience in professional, business and public life will be of much assistance to their colleagues on our Council.

We would like to draw special attention to the article on Barnardo Work in post-war Ulster on page 53, for this is but one instance of how our Committee of Management is striving to adopt a bold, forward-looking policy, and to overcome

for the benefit of the children the very great obstacles before them to-day in the way of securing buildings, staff and equipment.

And particularly we would ask all who love children to study our Christmas appeal on pages 59 to 61.

To-day it is realised, as never before, that the impersonal provision of the necessities of life is not enough to satisfy the heart of a child. Each one needs personal, individual love—the sort of human love that quickens consciousness of and faith in Divine love. Christmas is the ideal opportunity for such love to manifest itself. Even in these early autumn days it is not too soon to send your gift, for sorting and distributing to our big chain of homes and hospitals is a long task. Will you help us to be father and mother to our 7,500 boys and girls this year ?

Dudley Evans

Little mother at our Babies' Castle, Hawkhurst, Kent.



One of the children who touched the heart of Ulster ! A little girl looks out from the doorway of our old Ever-Open Door, Holywood Road, Belfast

Rebuilding in Ulster

BEFORE war darkened the skies of Europe, a house in Holywood Road, Belfast, had a special attraction for many passers-by. They used to stop to watch the children playing in the garden or gathering round while Mother read a story. Sometimes, on sunny afternoons, young voices would be heard singing hymns and choruses, for in hot weather a private Sunday School was held on the flat roof of part of the building, where the fresh breeze blew from Belfast Lough, and where the wide view of coastline and hills, and of ships coming and going, made it easy to thank God for a world full of beauty and opportunity, even for those who had had heavy troubles right at the outset of life.

This house, of course, was a branch of Dr. Barnardo's Homes—Ulster's very own branch ! For, though there are many Barnardo branches where unfailing local support and interest make our children feel loved and wanted by their neighbours, nowhere have we ever found warmer hearts or kindlier hands than in Northern Ireland.

It was to Ulster friends that we owed that fine building in Holywood Road. It was originally a fairly commodious villa house built on much the usual plan, but Barnardo families grow at a far quicker rate than most ! Our Superintendents, longing for more extensive accommodation, began to picture a new wing with airy dormitories, a good play-room, flat roof and fire-escape. When it was found that their daydream was a practical proposition architecturally, Ulster took matters in hand and did the rest. Every penny needed was raised in



By courtesy]

[Northern Whig

Northern Ireland, Ulster folk making the maintenance of "our Home"—as they rightly called it—their special care. Each year some special event was organised to pay for a chosen item in the family's budget, in addition to regular donations and collections. The Belfast papers took a most helpful interest, and, as the illustrations to this article show, frequently sent along camera-men. It was to one of these that our children owed their first loud-speaker wireless set. They took a picture showing them taking turns to listen with earphones. Once again Ulster friends quickly responded and, in addition, provided earphones for each bed in the dormitories.

The War and Northern Ireland

Even before war broke we knew what such an event would mean for our Belfast children. Not only was the house in Holywood Road in a very vulnerable area, but the flat roof commanded such an unrivalled view of the surrounding district that the Civil Defence had marked the building as their potential headquarters. We found good evacua-



By courtesy]

[Belfast Telegraph

The fine building at Macedon, on the shores of Belfast Lough, which is to be our first permanent home for boys in Ulster. The front of the building, shown here, faces due south, and gets the maximum of sunlight, and the meadow before the house slopes down to the shores of the Lough, where the boys will have their own private bathing-beach. There are spacious flower gardens behind the house.

tion quarters for our children at Kirkcubbin but, hardly were we settled, than the R.A.F. notified us that they must requisition our new quarters. Thus we had to take for our family any possible building in a safe area, and ultimately, with the help of the Ulster Government, secured one at Kilkeel. It was not in many ways an ideal place for a children's home. It was an old-fashioned, rather forbidding building, but it was situated in beautiful country, and in a spot most unlikely to be subjected to air attack; and so we gratefully accepted the offer of its use as a temporary home for about 35 children until better times came.

Meantime, events showed that Hollywood Road was indeed destined to be "in the front line"! Ultimately a direct hit reduced the building, which represented so much work and love and sacrifice, to a heap of rubble.

One of our friends, who had made herself personally responsible for raising £100 privately towards the sum needed, and had achieved her goal only by days of labour and untiring effort, told our Superintendent that she went by the site soon after the tragedy and said to herself, "Just look what Hitler's done to my £100!"

Such were the first reflections of everyone who had known our Belfast Home and the generations of children who had found there consolation in sorrow and hope in despair. Look what

the ravages of war have done to the fruit of our labours!

But this was only a passing phase, soon to be followed by the thought, "We must rise up and build again. And perhaps we can build even better!"

Reconstruction Plans

And so was gradually born a new plan, wider in scope—and, we believe, wider in vision—than anything before attempted in Northern Ireland.

Our Hollywood home had been an Ever-Open Door branch—that is, its activities had been limited to seeking out and receiving children needing help, and to caring for them during the first few months after admission. Then, when their physical condition warranted it, and they had become acclimatised to a new environment, our Belfast superintendents brought them to England, for only on the mainland had we then facilities for providing adequately alternative types of homes, educational opportunities, special medical treatment and vocational training. For many of them, however, Ulster always remained "home," and, when they were able to start work, they asked that situations should be found for them in Northern Ireland.

War conditions, of course, made the transfer of children much more difficult, and the advantages of transfer much less marked. Our Council and Committee of Management, therefore, began to

consider, whether it might not be better in future to rear Irish children in Ireland, and four factors played a big part in leading them to decide that it would.

The first was the fact that, though the children we received had no suitable relatives able to undertake their full care, some, nevertheless, had friends willing to keep in touch and take an interest in them. Such contacts, of course, are a great advantage to the children, especially as they grow older and start out into the world again.

For instance, one of our Ulster girls was found a situation in Belfast. Some months later her employer, to whom she had become attached, had to go away on a long vacation. What was the girl, who did not want to change her situation, to do meantime? In Ulster there lived her sole surviving relative—her mother's cousin, an elderly lady with a pleasant little home in the country. When we approached this relative, she at once consented to invite her young kinswoman to spend the long holiday with her, and said how pleased she was to see the care with which we watched over our girls when they started out in life. Another, beginning nursing training, asked to go to an Ulster hospital. Her elder brother, who had remained in the care of relatives when his sister was admitted to these Homes, was now happily married. Granting her request meant that she could spend her free time at his home.

Boarding-out in Ireland

Another factor that weighed strongly with our Council was the boarding-out question. Before the war our boarding-out activities were confined, for practical reasons, to the counties within fairly easy access of Stepney. War increased enormously the demand for foster homes in this area, and we found ourselves with many competitors for them—both Government authorities and private organisations. In Ulster, however, the end of official evacuation left a number of first-class foster homes without children. Billeting officers gladly recommended to us those they had found most satisfactory, and thus it became feasible to extend our boarding-out activities to Northern Ireland.

This was a most important development in our work. For many years, of course, we had assisted Irish and Eire children under our Auxiliary Boarding-out scheme* ; but the new scheme took in the children admitted to our direct care. We found Irish homes for children who before could have enjoyed the

advantages of boarding-out only if sent to England. To-day we have 38 children so placed, and a full-time Boarding-out Inspector in charge of their welfare and supervising Auxiliary Boarding-out work.

A third consideration that influenced our Council was the passing of the new Education Act, and the warm welcome given by Irish secondary schools to the first boys and girls whom we advanced as suitable candidates for higher education. With such a wide range of good schools and educational opportunities open to them, there was nothing to be gained by bringing children across the water.

Finally, the warm interest Ulster people have always shown in our children, and their readiness to help in any kind of difficulty, made our Council feel that it would be good for the children to grow up where they were so obviously wanted, and for those who had done so much for them to have the encouragement of seeing how well so many ultimately repay such interest.

A Regional Scheme

The establishment of boarding-out in Northern Ireland was only a first step in our regionalisation policy. If all Irish children were to be retained in Ireland, it was essential for new branch homes to be established for those who, because of age, special physical or educational needs, or for other reasons, could not be boarded out. In addition to a reception home, three others were needed—one for young children, and one each for older boys and girls respectively. Regional headquarters, too, would have to be established where the administrative duties, formerly carried out at our Stepney headquarters, would be performed.

With this goal in mind, our Council sent back to Ulster, during the closing stages of the war, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Geary, who for many years had been father and mother to our Holywood family, who had seen the enlargement of that building, and who, although they spent some of the most strenuous of the war years on our staff in England, still held in their hearts the happiest recollections of their days among our Ulster supporters.

They were instructed, as our Regional Officers, to seek out new buildings suitable for purchase, and undertake the hardly less difficult task of buying equipment. To-day three of the four buildings needed have been found and purchased. The first is a pleasant villa house, "Ardmillan," Fort William Park, in an

*A scheme to assist unmarried mothers of good general character to support their children in suitable foster homes in their own districts.

*Good-bye to Mother and off to school !
A member of our boarded-out family.*



*We have now started
boarding-out Ulster
children in Ulster.*

easily accessible part of Belfast, which has become our Regional Headquarters. Here applications for help* can be received, from here investigations are undertaken and after-care work arranged; here information is at once available concerning any of our Irish branches, and business of all kinds is transacted.

The second is our prospective home for tiny children. This is situated at the famous health resort on the north-east coast, Ballycastle. It occupies one of the best sites in the town, commanding a view across the tennis courts, where many famous international matches are played, to the open sea not far from Giant's Causeway. Behind the house stand extensive grounds, and the work of reconditioning and equipping the building has gone forward so well that we hope our first party of children will be in residence by the time this article appears in print.

The third building promises, when extensive repairs have taken place, to be one of the very finest of Barnardo Homes for boys. It is situated at Macedon, on the north shore of Belfast Lough. A bus from the heart of the city takes one to within a mile of the gates in a matter of minutes. This means that various secondary and technical schools of Belfast, and even Queen's University itself, will be within easy travelling distance for any boy clever and studious enough to win his way there.

There are churches within comfortable walking distance. The house has 30 acres of beautiful grounds, extending to the very shores of the Lough. Our boys will have their own bathing-beach, a fine view of the shipping moving in and out the harbour, room for football and cricket pitches, a big garden full of fruit and vegetables, and even their own private railway bridge from which to follow the time-honoured schoolboy hobby of "watching the trains come in !"

The house itself faces due south, with a sunny porch and balcony. One of the best front rooms has been ear-marked as the boys' dining-room, and Irish supporters have already promised to equip a library.

A quantity of excellent clothing, both for boys and for girls, has also been accumulated, thanks to the kindness of the W.V.S. and the Canadian and American Red Cross.

Thus, although our house for girls has not yet been found, and though it will probably be necessary ultimately to close Kilkeel and find another Ever-Open Door branch, our Regionalisation Scheme has gone far towards becoming a reality.

Family Links Preserved

Its advantages to homeless children in Northern Ireland can be assessed by the story of two boys whom we were asked to receive recently. Their mother was dead and their father dying of tuberculosis. The relatives, respectable working

folk, were united by warm ties of affection, but all had family responsibilities too great to permit their assuming responsibility for the orphans. When our representative went to the hospital to conclude arrangements, he found the poor father too ill to understand much, but his sister, who was watching by his bed, leaned over and whispered, "Don't worry about the boys! Barnardo's will take them!" Then she added, as a conclusive argument, "Our Joe, you know, came from Barnardo's!"

Later our representative learned that "our Joe" was her husband and one of our old boys. Of him she said, "He's one of the best. I wouldn't change him for anyone," and of her very large family of children she added, "I wouldn't be without a single one of them!"

The two boys received will have the best we can give them, but, by bringing them up in Ulster, we shall ensure that they still retain their family background and a link that is bound ultimately to assist their easy and happy resettlement in the general life of the community.

Wanted—Mothers and Fathers

THE keystone of Barnardo work always has been and always will be the men and women who come forward to take the place of the mothers and fathers our children have lost or have never known. Men and women of the right type, with a sincere love for child-

ren, are urgently needed for this work. To-day we can do much to help those who feel a call to such a career to equip themselves with the knowledge and experience necessary to carry out this important work successfully.

At our Staff Training School, Woodford Bridge Garden City, Essex, free training, with bursary, is available for suitable men and women candidates between, approximately, 18 and 30 years of age.

The training is to fit students for the care and management of our children of school age, i.e. over five years. It is a two-year course, at the end of which a Certificate is awarded to successful students.

Full particulars, with prospectus, can be obtained from: **The Secretary, Staff Training School Committee, 18-26, Stepney Causeway, London, E.1.**



*Their second mother!
The Matron of our
High Close Home
with a little family
that now forms part
of her larger one.*



[By courtesy, James Gair

Above : Brothers ! Triplets reared at one of our Scottish branch homes, Comlongan Castle, Dumfriesshire.

Below : Brother and two sisters ! Triplets at Oakley House, Frilford, Berks, one of our Nursery branches in the South.



A Word About Your Birthday

BIRTHDAYS in Barnardo families, as these pictures suggest, often do not come separately. Few indeed are the qualified foster mothers who are willing to take charge of twin babies in a family emergency, and triplets, especially if they are delicate babies, are more than any woman could manage unaided. Thus the only hope of such children being reared together, if misfortune overtakes the parents, usually lies with such organisations as Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

A growing number of our supporters are joining our birthday scheme and pledging themselves to commemorate their own birthdays each year by making

many happy birthdays possible also for such boys and girls as these.

To each subscriber on our birthday scheme roll we send a birthday card from the Largest Family in the World, and one friend recently wrote : "Of many felicitations received to-day, none has given me greater pleasure than yours from the Homes."

If you would like to join our birthday subscribers, please send your name, address, and date of birthday to :

The General Secretary, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 18-26, Stepney Causeway, London, E.1.



A winter day at our Garden City, Woodford Bridge, Essex. Can you help us supply our 7,500 boys and girls with all the needs of life this winter?

Christmas is Coming !

WE admitted them on an autumn day last year—Cecil, whose fourteenth birthday was due four days after Christmas, and Sheila and Alex, twins, aged nearly 12. Their father had died on active service. The troopship on which he was travelling had been torpedoed. The mother, a most devoted wife, heard that he had been picked up by a small boat, but the enemy had machine-gunned the survivors.

Then there was misunderstanding over her pension rights, and for months she struggled to support them all unaided. Finally, pensions were allotted, but work and worry had undermined her health. She collapsed, was taken to hospital, underwent a serious operation, and then lay wondering what to do about her children.

The doctor strongly supported her appeal to us, saying she was a mother worthy of respect, and that relief from anxiety should make recovery possible in two months. We offered admission for three months, and had the joy of hearing from her that her mind was completely at rest. She knew they were in good keeping.

Such was the story of three of the 7,500 children who, last year, looked to Dr. Barnardo's Homes for a share in the joy of Christmas—children too old to believe in a fairy Father Christmas, but young enough to feel very lost and insecure with the loving care of both parents taken from them by misfortune.

There will be many like them in our family this year. If for each there is waiting, on Christmas morning, a really welcome gift—just as it was when Dad was here, or when Mother was blithely bustling through the Christmas festivities—what a comforting assurance that someone still cares, that the spirit of Christmas is a living reality still able to transform the world !

Can you add one such child to your Christmas gift list this year ? We need contributions now of every kind, for children in every age group, from tinies waking to their first Christmas morning, to boys and girls of 15 or 16, soon to start out in their first situations. Please send us anything you can make or procure, but if you can send gifts likely to appeal to boys between the ages of 11 and 16 you will be meeting our greatest need. We should especially appreciate tools which could be used at our boys' homes ; bathing trunks or costumes ; mechanical toys ; adventure stories of a good, clean type ; sports gear ; or crayons, paints and painting-books.

Please address parcels to :

**Gifts in Kind Department,
Store D, Dr. Barnardo's Homes,
18-26, Stepney Causeway, E.1.**

and assist prompt acknowledgment by enclosing the name and address of the donor, in clear writing, or indicate if the gift is sent anonymously.



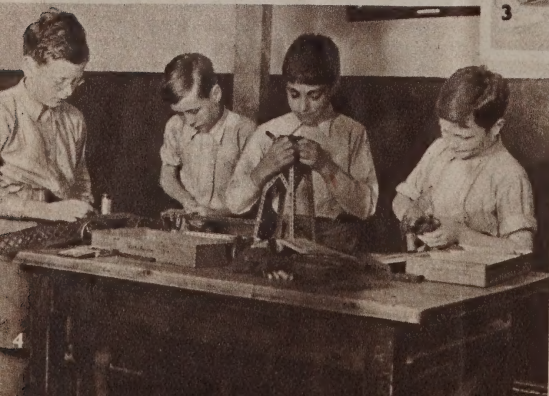
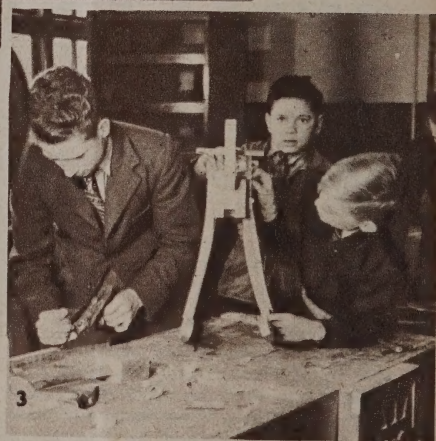
Can You Add Boys or Your This

1. Some will spend
Christmas in
our hospitals.



2. Mothers' Meeting at our Play Centre at Woodford! For many children who pass through this Centre a doll is more than a toy. It is a companion and friend, and through play they overcome fear and grief.

3. Here are older boys at the Centre directing energies, that might otherwise land them in trouble, to the making of toys for the little ones! Tools of any kind are a type of gift we always receive with special thanks.

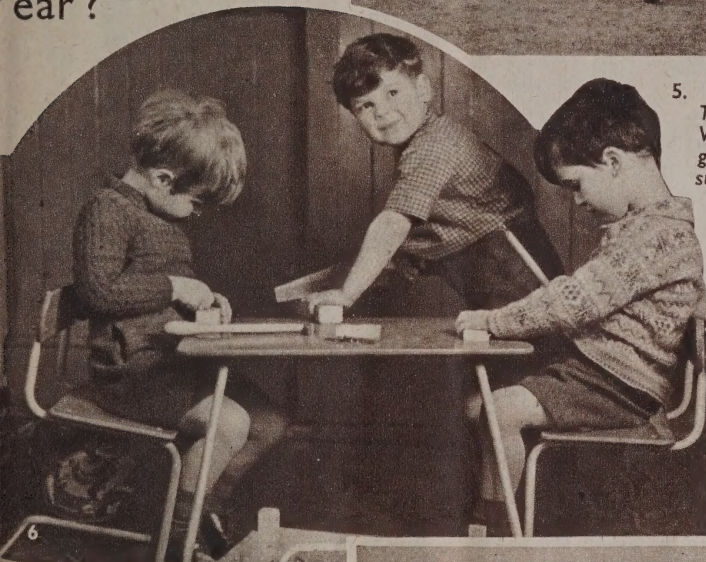


4. We know constructional toys like this are very scarce, but any that find their way to Barnardo's are used by scores of children like these.

One of Our Girls to Gift List Year?



5. Football at our Technical School. We are most grateful for any surplus sports gear.



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6. Even at Babies' Castle we have budding carpenters.



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7. And anything that goes up and down like this we love.



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8. Many of our boys and girls are keen stamp collectors.

The band marches by !
Boys of our Watts
Naval Training
School.



THE WIDE HORIZON

Barnardo News from Near and Far

DR. BARNARDO'S Homes have admitted their 135,000th child. He is Tommy, a lad of eleven, the son of parents who were very happily married. When he was seven years old, his father died after only a short illness. Mother carried on and looked after her children well. Then one February morning, while she was busy lighting her copper, her clothing caught fire. Enveloped in flames she screamed out. Tommy was the only one who heard her and rushed to her aid. He pluckily tried to put out the flames by pouring water over her, but she was very badly burned. After several weeks of suffering she died in the local hospital.

Granny then came to the aid of the children. The elder, a girl of 15, was out in employment and beginning to be self-

supporting. Granny did everything in her power to stand in the place of parents to the two young orphans, but she was very concerned about her grandson, because his distressing experience had deeply affected him. He looked pale, used often to wake in the night and come in to her to be comforted and reassured. Then her own health began to fail, for she, too, had been affected by the tragic circumstances of her daughter's death and the extra responsibility resting on her. It was decided that she must go away for a complete rest and change. She was anxious, however, about Tommy, feeling that she was not able to give him all the help and stimulus that he needed to enable him to forget his sad experiences. She felt particularly that he should have the

The Late Viscount Bennett

MEMBERS of the Council of Dr. Barnardo's Homes received with deep regret and a sense of personal loss news of the death of Lord Bennett on June 28th. Viscount Bennett, who was a Vice-President of the Homes, had shown a keen interest in and a great sympathy for Barnardo work, to which he was a generous subscriber. He presided at our May Meeting this year, and on that occasion expressed his concern at the continued requisitioning of a large part of our Village Home at Barkingside, and drew attention to the fact that Dr. Barnardo's Homes were not entitled to draw family allowances. Our General Secretary represented the Homes at Lord Bennett's funeral and at the memorial service in Westminster Abbey.

Singing Lessons Wanted

WE have received the interesting news that one of our boarded-out girls has a very good singing voice, and we have been advised that it would be very desirable for her to have lessons to cultivate this gift. The cost of lessons would be three guineas a term. Would any reader of "Night and Day" be prepared to undertake the cost of providing this "little extra" which might make a great deal of difference to this girl in later years. Please address any letters on this topic to: The General Superintendent, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 18-26, Stepney Causeway, London, E.I.

companionship of other boys of his own age. So the Ever-Open Door once again has welcomed a child in need, and Dr. Barnardo's Homes are trying to take the places of sorely-missed parents.

Going Carol Singing?

WE are exceedingly grateful to friends who, in recent years, have gone carol-singing on behalf of the Largest Family in the World. We hope they won't forget us this year, for their help is most valuable! We will gladly supply to any applicants official collecting-boxes for this purpose. Please address such requests either to our Clerical Organising Secretary or to our Free Church Organising Secretary, c/o Dr. Barnardo's Homes, 18-26, Stepney Causeway, London, E.I.

One of the Doctor's Boys

THE proprietor of a London Boot Repairing business recently approached us to see if we could supply him with a young craftsman to assist in his workshop. Enquiries showed that the business was a high-class one with a very good reputation, and had been founded by the proprietor 55 years ago. He was now, however, 76 years of age, and unable himself to take an active part in affairs, and his chief assistant had been taken seriously ill and his prospects of recovery were doubtful. That was why a new craftsman was needed. But, from our point of view, the most interesting fact revealed was that the proprietor himself was one of our own old boys. He was a member of the very first party to settle in our old Jersey Home, and had been taken there personally by Dr. Barnardo. By a happy coincidence our Enquiry Officer who visited him also was one of our old boys, and had spent part of his boyhood at the Jersey Home. As, however, he was of a considerably later generation, they had never met in those early years, but were able to claim a common acquaintance with some members of the staff. We hope to find the right lad

to fill the vacant post and hope that he will, in due course, be equally successful and happy in his career.

Room for Barnardo News

A RECENT issue of the magazine of St. Philip and St. James' Church, Hallow, Worcester, included an article entitled, "Who Was He?" a feature retelling the story of Dr. Barnardo and Jim Jarvis and the founding of the Largest Family in the World. It concluded with a kindly reference to the children from one of our branch homes who, to-day, often share in the services at that church, commenting upon the contrast between their condition and that of their counterparts of Dr. Barnardo's day. "We welcome them all," the article states, "and are glad to see them joining us in our worship both in the morning and at our Children's Church." In these days, when paper shortage is so acute, we particularly appreciate the kindly thought towards our work, which prompted the inclusion of the article.

"We Will Never Forget"

FROM a letter sent to our Canadian Headquarters by one of our old girls: "I married a Barnardo boy 14 years ago this coming June. He is a wonderful husband to me. We have three lovely children, two boys and one girl, aged 12, 10 and 6. My little girl is 10 and we are all so happy on our 50-acre farm, just seven miles north of Barrie. . . . We will never forget you people."

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Acknowledged by request:—"A Lover of Children," Shetland, 10s.; Anon., Swansea, 5s.; Mr. J. S. Phillips, Teignmouth, 10s.; "St. Albans," £1 6s.; B. N., Ilford, £1.



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